GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1701
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WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL MARKETING INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by the Group of Ministers and also by the Task Force on Agriculture on various matters relating to production and marketing of agricultural produce and allied activities as well as the impact of globalization etc;

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government on each of the recommendations submitted by each of the above two bodies, separately;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a Commission to look into and suggest improvements in all agricultural scientific and research institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to develop and modernize the marketing infrastructure in the country and the districts selected therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The Group of Ministers and the Task Force on Agriculture have not yet submitted their recommendations.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Question does not arise.

(e) The Government has recently approved two new schemes namely, Scheme for Agricultural Marketing Information Network and Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticultural Produce for bringing about improvements in the present Agricultural Marketing facilities and marketing infrastructure in the country.

Under the scheme for Agricultural Marketing Information Network, it is proposed to establish a nationwide information network for speedy collection and dissemination of market information/data for their efficient and timely utilization. Under this scheme, all important Agricultural Produce Markets and State Agricultural Marketing Boards/Departments all over the country will be linked up through a computer network.

Under the scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages Subsidy is provided to eligible promoters for construction, expansion and modernization of cold storages.